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NOW SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS PROTECT EARTH FROM DR. EGGMAN'S MACHIAVELLIAN MISCHIEF...

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GOOD LUCK, SONIC. WE'LL MEET YOU BACK ON THE MAIN DECK OF THE SHIP ONCE YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED YOUR MISSION.

WHAT'S THIS? SONIC THE HEDGEHOG SCUBA DIVING? BUT SONIC HATES WATER! WHAT COULD POSSIBLY HAVE LED TO THIS ASTONISHING TURN OF EVENTS?

TURN THE PAGE TO TURN BACK THE CLOCK AND FIND OUT THE ANSWER...

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TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AGO, CHRIS THORNDYKE, HIS GRANDFATHER CHUCK, AND SONIC RECEIVED A VERY IMPORTANT VISITOR.

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR FOILING EGGMAN'S BANK ROBBERY LAST WEEK, SONIC.*

*RUN RIGHT OUT AND READ ISSUE ONE, IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY. WELL? HURRY UP!

AWW, IT WAS NOTHIN', MR. PRESIDENT.

TIME AND AGAIN, YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE PROTECTED THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.

NOW I COME TO ASK YOU TO UNDERTAKE A VERY IMPORTANT MISSION FOR ME.

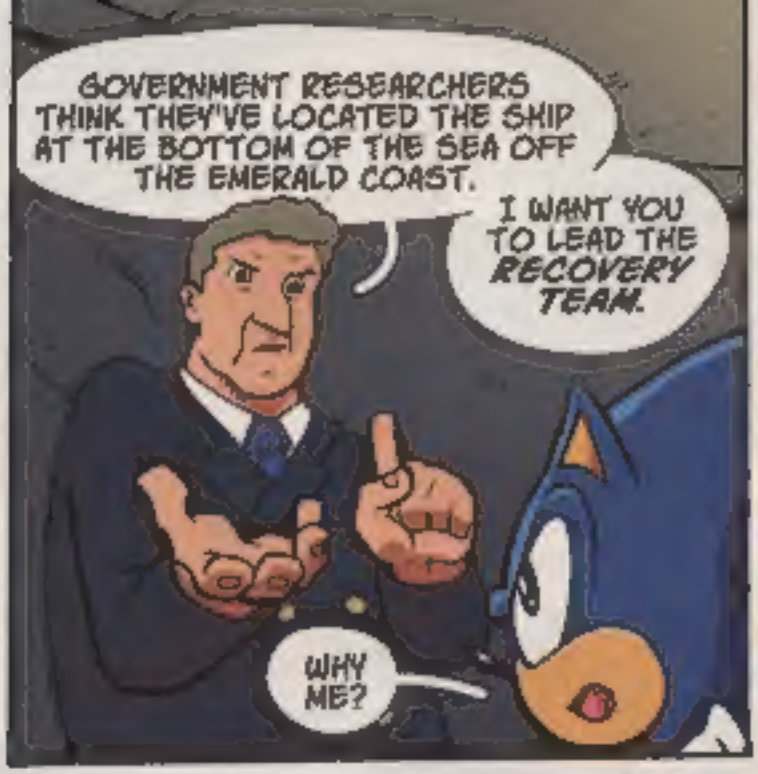
YES, SIR, MR. PRESIDENT.

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, A VICIOUS PIRATE BY THE NAME OF CAPTAIN SEAMUS "RED-EYE" MACGUFFIN TERRORIZED THE EMERALD COAST.

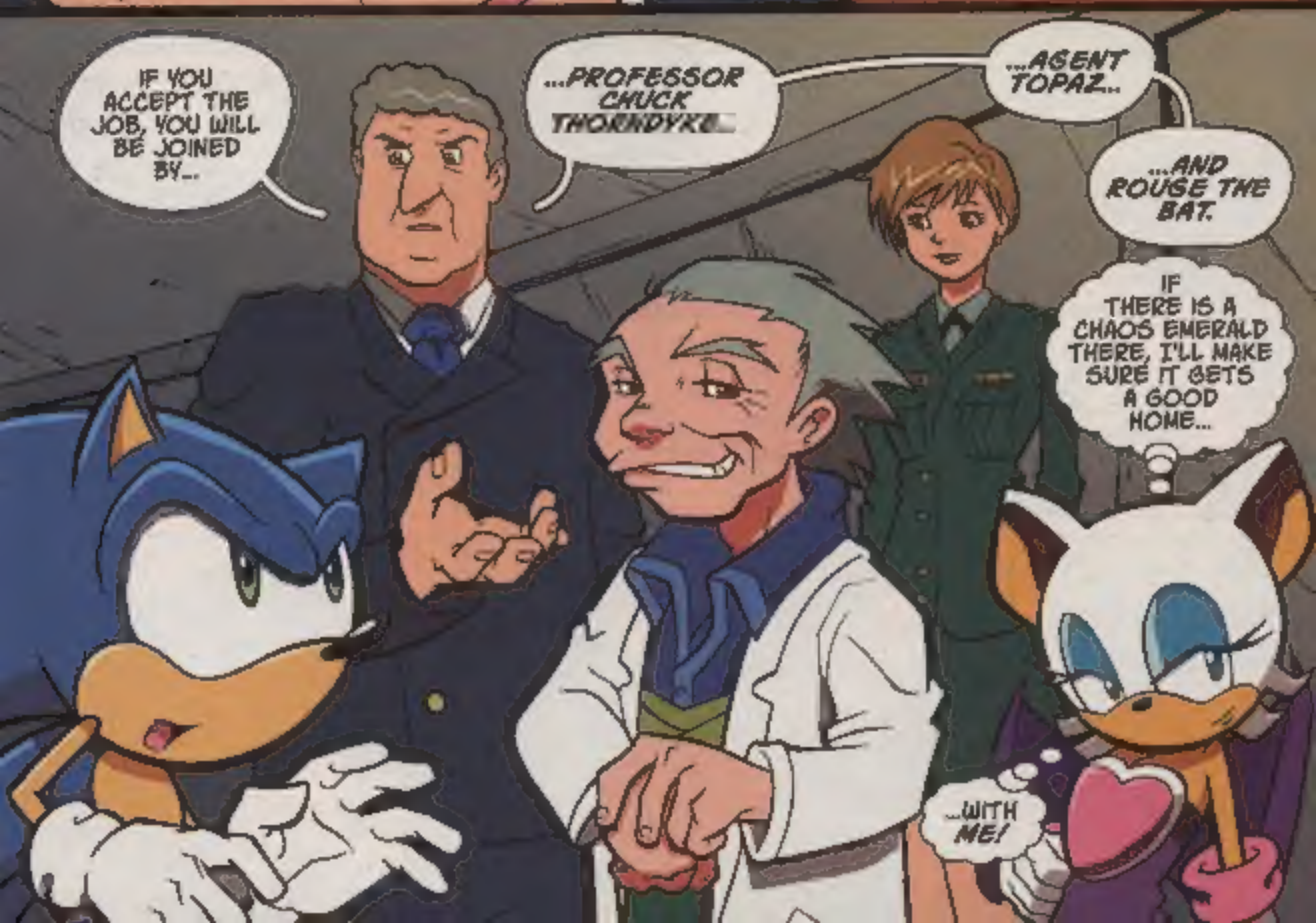
HE PLUNDERED COASTAL TOWNS AND ROBBED ANY SHIPS HE ENCOUNTERED ON THE SEA.

WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH US?


GOVERNMENT RESEARCHERS THINK THEY'VE LOCATED THE SHIP AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA OFF THE EMERALD COAST.
I WANT YOU TO LEAD THE RECOVERY TEAM.
WHY ME?

OUR SENSORS HAVE DETECTED AN UNUSUAL ENERGY SIGNATURE EMANATING FROM THE WRECK.
WE THINK IT MIGHT BE A CHAOS EMERALD.
!

YOU ARE THE PLANET'S LEADING EXPERT ON CHAOS EMERALDS WHO ISN'T A MEGALOMANIACAL MADMAN.
IF THERE IS A CHAOS EMERALD DOWN THERE, THEN THERE'S NO ONE BETTER TO LEAD THIS MISSION.


IF YOU ACCEPT THE JOB, YOU WILL BE JOINED BY...
...PROFESSOR CHUCK THORNDYKE...
...AGENT TOPAZ...
...AND ROUGE THE BAT.
IF THERE IS A CHAOS EMERALD THERE, I'LL MAKE SURE IT GETS A GOOD HOME...
...WITH ME!

EXCUSE ME, MR. PRESIDENT...

YES, CHRISTOPHER?

...THIS ALL SOUNDS *FAMILIAR.*

HMMMMM... THIS IS A PRETTY LITTLE BAUBLE. I WONDER IF THEY'D MISS IT?

WE ONCE TOOK A DAY TRIP TO THE *SAPPHIRE SEA* AND GOT MIXED UP IN AN ADVENTURE WITH A SUNKEN SHIP, A TREASURE CHEST, A CRABBY CRUSTACEAN, AND AN EMERALD.

IS IT POSSIBLE *WE ALREADY FOUND THE SHIP* YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?

WE'RE AWARE OF THAT ADVENTURE, YOUNG MAN.

BUT THE REMAINS OF CAPTAIN RED-EYE'S SHIP IS AT *COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CO-ORDINATES* THAN THAT OTHER SHIP YOU FOUND.

IT SEEMS *AWFULLY COINCIDENTAL* THAT TWO SHIPS WITH TWO CHAOS EMERALDS WOULD SINK IN THE SAME SEA.

THAT'S WHAT WE THOUGHT TOO AND IT'S ANOTHER REASON WHY WE NEED *YOU* FOR THIS MISSION.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS MYSTERY.

SO WILL YOU DO IT, SONIC?

AND THAT IS HOW SONIC THE HEDGEHOG FOUND HIMSELF TWO DOZEN LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA...

COME IN, SONIC. CAN YOU READ ME?

LOUD AND CLEAR, PROFESSOR.

DO YOU SEE ANYTHING YET?

I'M PICKING UP A SIGNAL NOW. WE'RE GOING TO CHECK IT OUT.

MESSAGE RECEIVED, TOPAZ.

BE CAREFUL DOWN THERE.

I'M ALWAYS CAREFUL!

FROM ANGEL ISLAND, KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA TAKES NOTE OF THE NAVY SHIPS OFF THE EMERALD COAST.

THAT'S ODD. WHY WOULD SONIC GO DIVING? HE HATES WATER.

HAS HE FOUND ONE OF THE *CHAOS EMERALDS*...?

KNUCKLES ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO IS TAKING AN INTEREST IN OUR HEROES...

DR. EGGMAN'S REBUILT BEACHFRONT LABORATORY...

DR. EGGMAN, SONIC HAS DIVED INTO THE WATER!

EXCELLENT! THEN HE HAS FALLEN INTO MY *BRILLIANT TRAP!*

SONIC IS AT A *SIGNIFICANT DISADVANTAGE* WHEN HE'S UNDER WATER.

YES! SONIC IS LIKE A *FISH OUT OF WATER* WHEN IT COMES TO BEING *IN WATER.*

BUT FISH *LIKE* WATER.

OH, SHUT UP, BOTH OF YOU!

IT'S TIME TO PUT THE NEXT PART OF MY *BRILLIANT SCHEME* INTO ACTION AND RID MYSELF OF THAT PESKY HEDGEHOG ONCE AND FOR ALL!

DR. EGGMAN, WHAT ARE THOSE DEVICES ON THE WORKBENCH?

JUST THE MOST *BRILLIANT INVENTIONS* OF MY *BRILLIANT CAREER.*

USING THE RINGS I PICKED UP DURING MY BANK ROBBERY LAST WEEK*...

HEE HEE! MINE! ALL MINE!

*AS RELATED IN LAST MONTH'S ISSUE.

...I HAVE CREATED AN *ENERGY SOURCE* THAT WILL MAKE MY NEWEST ROBOTS MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER!

THERE'S GOT TO BE MORE, BOCOE.

THERE'S *ALWAYS* MORE, BECOE.

BUT THERE'S *SO MUCH MORE* TO MY BRILLIANT PLAN...!

HAHAHAHAHAHA

IF SONIC'S RINGS ARE GOING TO POWER YOUR NEW ROBOTS, WHY DID YOU HAVE US *HIDE TWO* IN THAT *SUNKEN SHIP*, DR. EGGMAN, SIR?
DECOE-- YOU LACK THE BRILLIANCE TO CONCEIVE THE *SUBTLE CUNNING* OF THIS PLAN.
I NEEDED A BRILLIANT WAY TO *LURE SONIC INTO MY TRAP.*
THANKS TO THE UNUSUAL ENERGY SIGNATURE EMITTED BY THE RINGS, THOSE FOOLS THINK THEY'RE GOING TO FIND A *CHAOS EMERALD.*
HANGAR BAY
WHAT THEY ARE *REALLY* GOING TO FIND...
...HEE HEE...
...IS THEIR *DOOM!*
AREN'T THEY *BEAUTIFUL?*
WHY DOESN'T HE EVER CALL US BEAUTIFUL?
MY *DRAGONBOTS* WILL DRAW THEIR POWER FROM *SONIC'S OWN RINGS!*

"DO YOU THINK SONIC CAN SURVIVE WHEN HIS OWN POWER IS TURNED AGAINST HIM?"

WOW! THAT MUST BE THE MACGUFFIN.

THE SIGNAL'S GETTING STRONGER.

WHICH MEANS WE'RE GETTING CLOSER TO MY NEW EMERALD!

THAT MUST BE IT!

STAND BACK, KIDS...

...AND LET A PROFESSIONAL HANDLE THIS!

ROUSE! LOOK OUT!

CRASSHHH

I'M NOT GOING TO LET THAT EMERALD SLIP THROUGH MY BEAUTIFULLY MANICURED FINGERS!
HEY! THAT'S NO WAY TO TREAT A LADY, BABYCAKES!
CHOMP
IT'S NOT POLITE TO BITE A GIRL YOU'VE JUST MET.
WHOMP
HE'S HEADED YOUR WAY, SONIC!
I SEE HIM, TOPAZ. HOPEFULLY THE WATER WON'T SLOW ME DOWN TOO MUCH TO KICK FIN!
THUNK
WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWN THERE?
WE HAVE AN UNINVITED GUEST, PROFESSOR!

ABOVE

COULD IT BE THE GHOST OF CAPTAIN RED-EYE?

IT'S POSSIBLE. WE'VE CERTAINLY SEEN STRANGER THINGS!

BELOW.

LOOKS LIKE LONG, DARK, AND TOOTHSOME'S NOT HAPPY WITH US.

YOU THINK?

I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP THEM!

BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY WEAPONS...

WHERE DID THAT CANDELABRUM COME FROM?

IT DOESN'T MATTER...

...I JUST HOPE THIS WORKS!

AS SONIC, TOPAZ, AND ROUGE DEAL WITH ONE THREAT, AN EVEN GREATER ONE IS TAKING SHAPE!
BUT, WHY DIDN'T YOU USE THE RINGS TO MAKE YOURSELF MORE POWERFUL?
I TRIED. APPARENTLY THE RINGS ARE GENETICALLY ENCODED TO RESPOND ONLY TO SONIC'S PHYSIOGNOMY.
NO OTHER LIVING BEING IS AFFECTED BY THEIR ENERGY
HOW DISAPPOINTING, SIR.
NOT TO WORRY, MY DREARY DRONE. I'VE DRAINED THEIR ENERGY AND USED IT TO SUPERCHARGE THE BATTERIES TO POWER MY DRAGONBOTS.
BRILLIANT, SIR!
AND HERE'S THE CHERRY ON TOP--THESE ROBOTS WILL NOT BE PILOTED BY A BUNNY OR A DUCKIE OR A RAT!
THE BUNNIES, DUCKIES, AND RATSIES HAVE FAILED ME TOO OFTEN.
MY SUPERCHARGED DRAGONBOTS ARE GOING TO BE PILOTED BY THE MEANEST, SURLIEST KOMODO DRAGONS I COULD FIND!
HISSSSSSSSSSSS
OH, MY!

BACK AT THE MACGUFFIN...

MAYBE I CAN USE THIS CANDELABRUM TO SAVE ROUGE AND SONIC!

ARE YOU GUYS ALL RIGHT? SOMEBODY PLEASE REPORT!

CLANK

OH OH...

?

I HOPE THEY'RE ALL RIGHT DOWN THERE!

SONIC? ROUGE? TOPAZ? SOMEBODY PLEASE REPORT!

I KNOW SONIC. HE ALWAYS PULLS

I DON'T THINK I CAN STOP THAT SHARK IF IT COMES AFTER ME.

?!

WHY DON'T YOU COME BACK WHEN YOU GET SOME DENTURES?

SOMEONE PLEASE TELL US WHAT'S GOING ON!

WE'RE FINE, PROFESSOR. JUST A LITTLE EXCITEMENT WITH A SHARK, BUT TOPAZ TOOK THE BITE OUT OF IT.

THAT WAS REALLY AWESOME, TOPAZ!

YEAH-- NOT BAD FOR AN OLD BROAD.

HEH. THANKS.

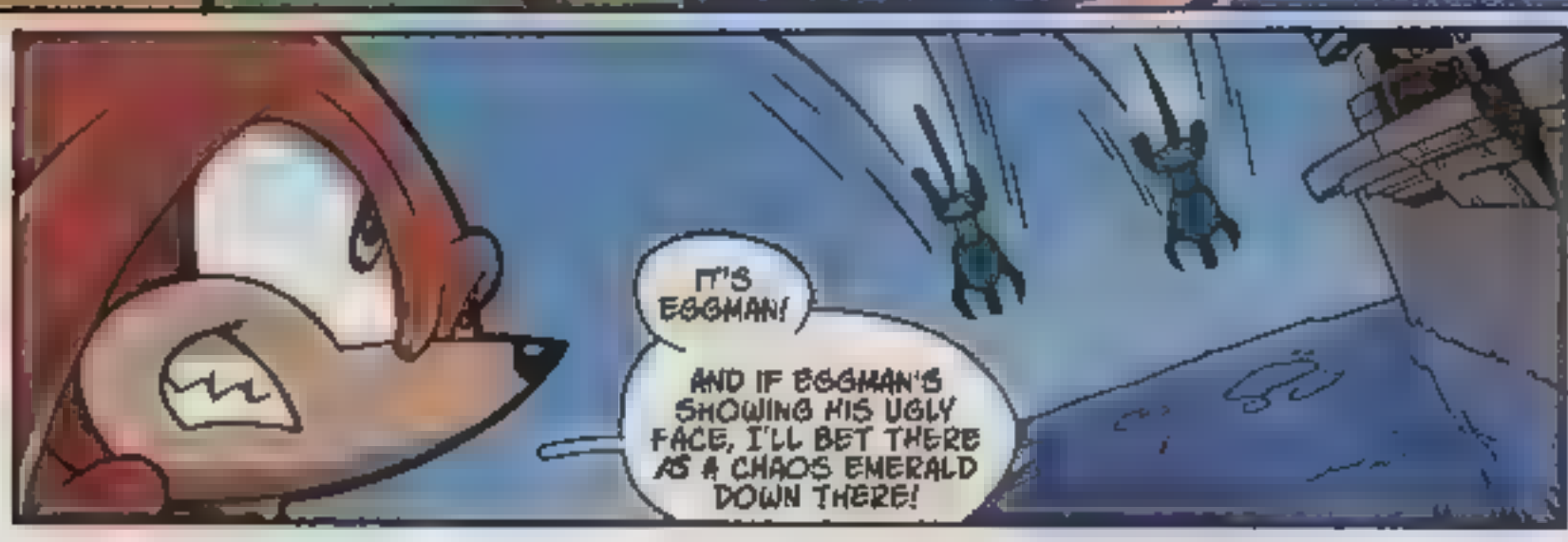
NOW COME ON, GUYS.

WE'VE GOT TO FIND THAT TREASURE CHEST!

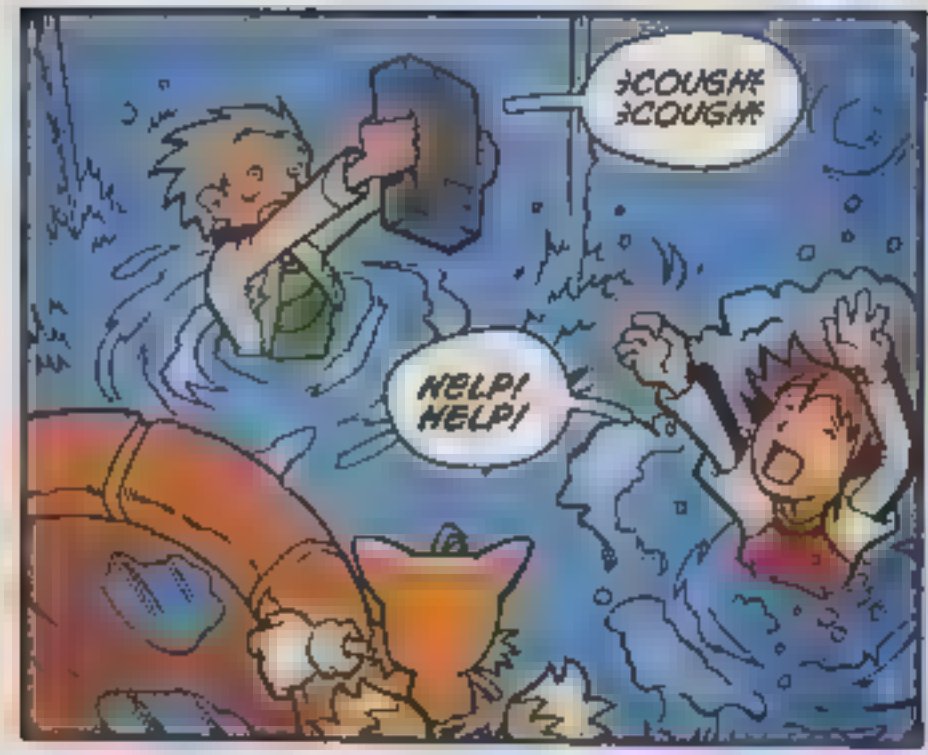
THE TREASURE CHEST
FELL THROUGH THIS HOLE
WHEN THE SHARK ATTACKED.

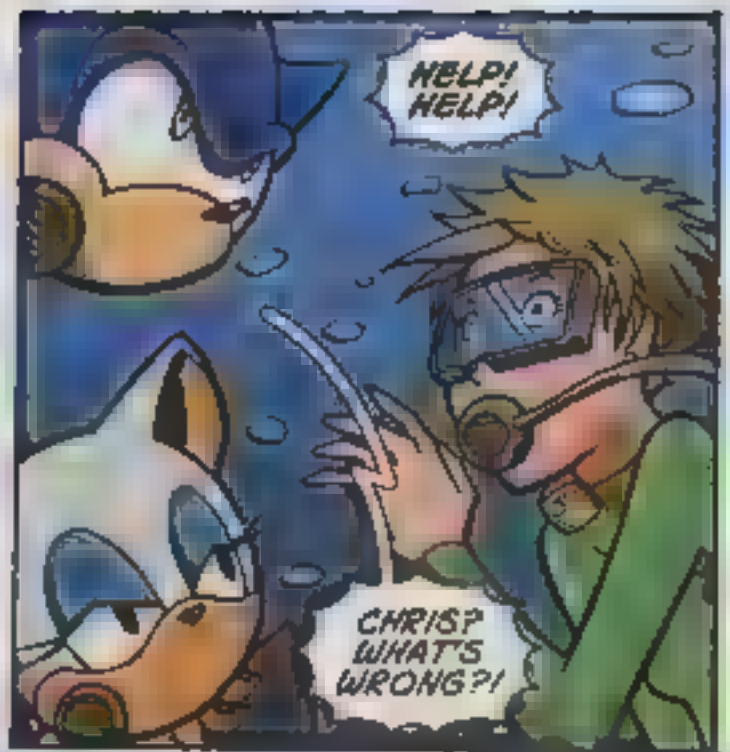
BACK ON ANGEL ISLAND...
NOW WHAT?

NOW, MY PRETTIES, DIVE!
DIVE DOWN AND MAKE MINCEMEAT OF THAT HEDGEHOG AND HIS LITTLE FRIENDS TOO! HEE HEE!


IT'S EGGMAN!
AND IF EGGMAN'S SHOWING HIS UGLY FACE, I'LL BET THERE IS A CHAOS EMERALD DOWN THERE!

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
AHHHHH!
SPLASH
LOOKS LIKE SONIC'S GONNA NEED ALL THE HELP HE CAN GET!


COUGH! COUGH!
HELP! HELP!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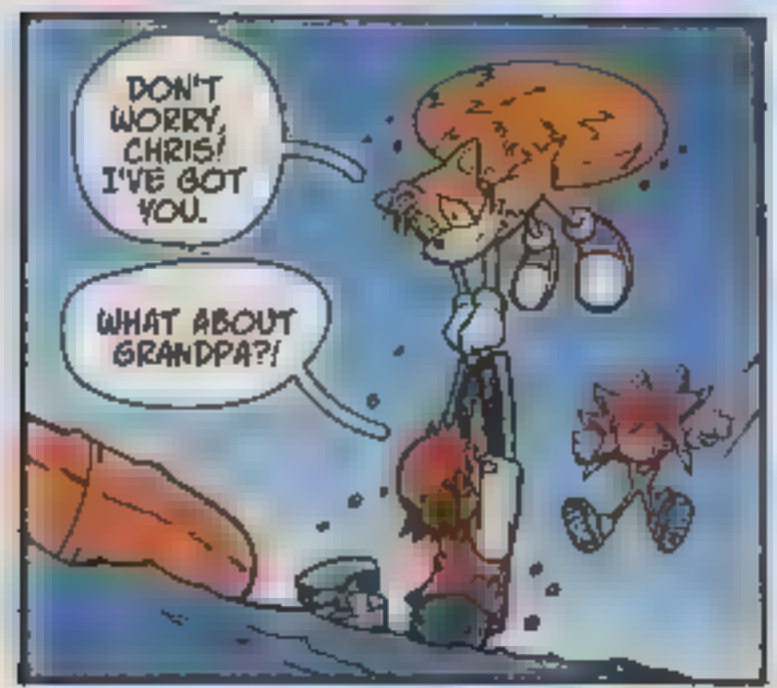
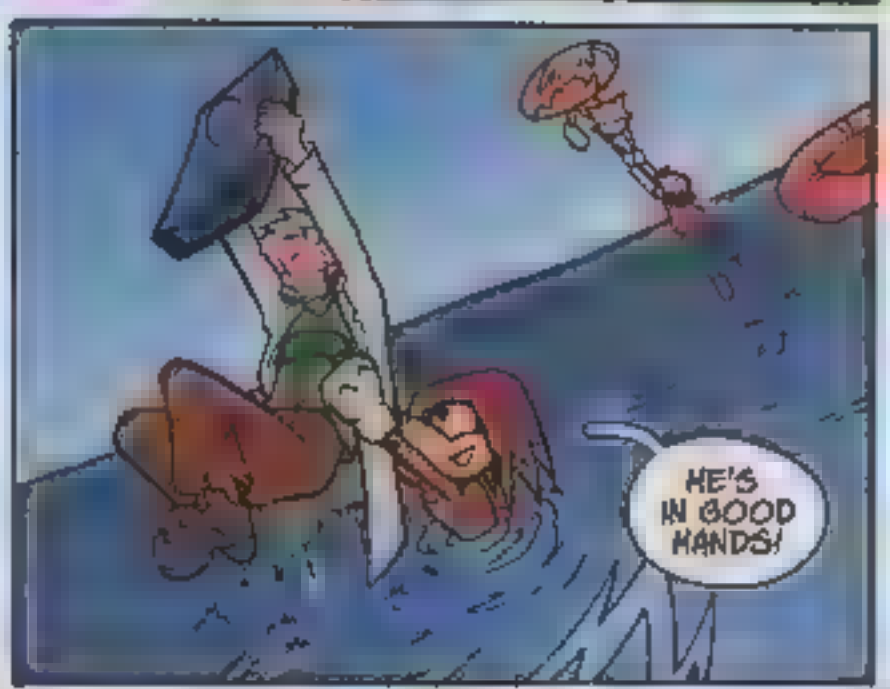
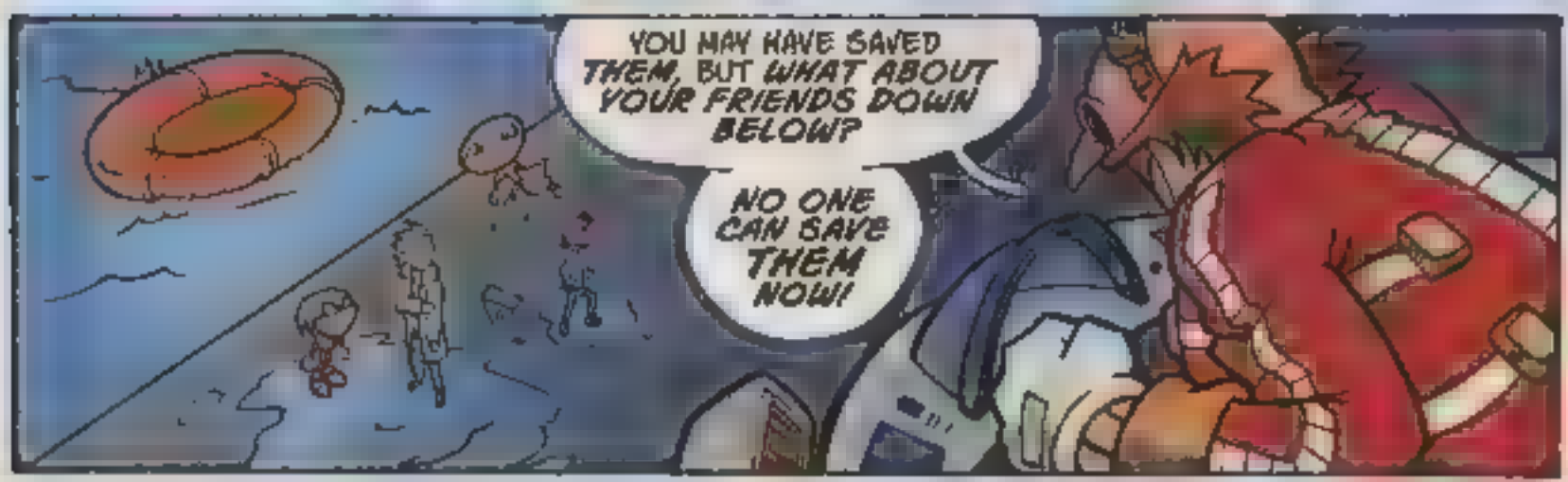
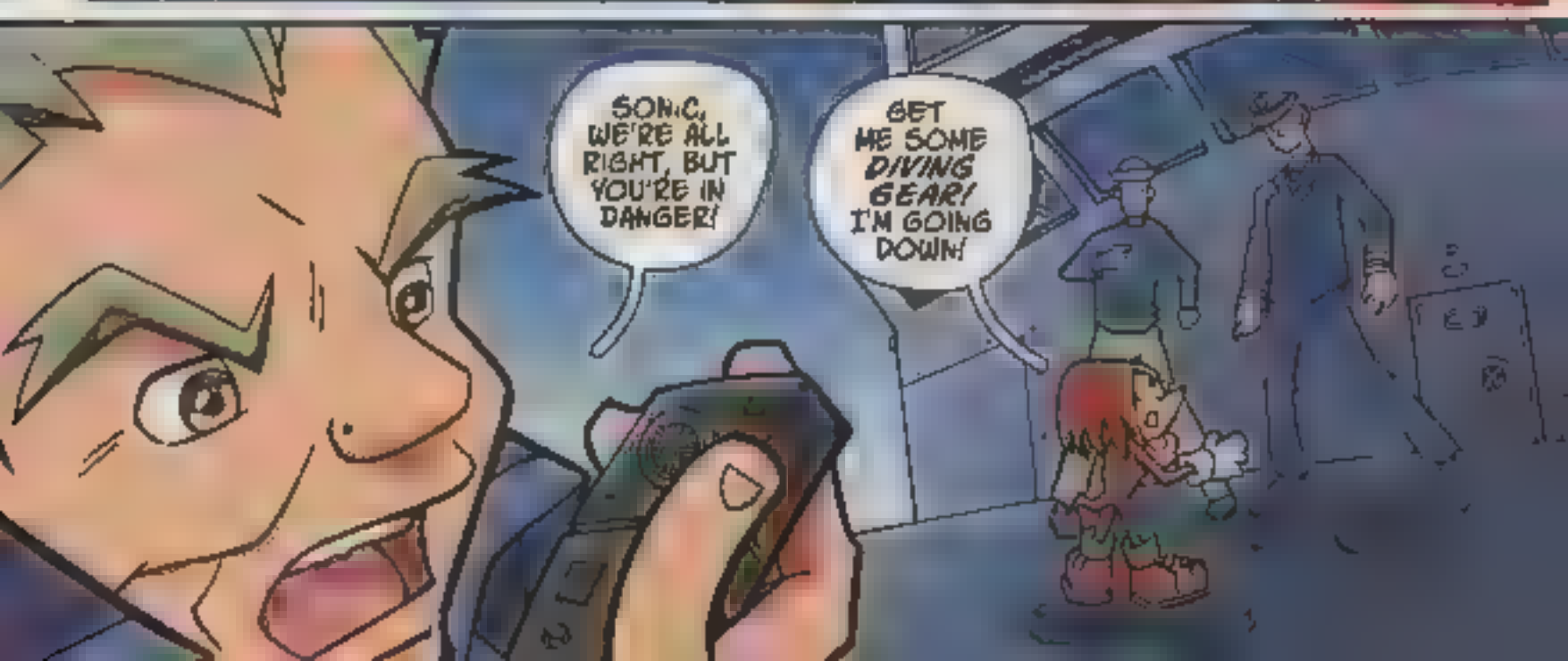
CHRIS? WHAT'S WRONG?!


DON'T WORRY, CHRIS! I'VE GOT YOU.
WHAT ABOUT GRANDPA?!


HE'S IN GOOD HANDS!


YOU MAY HAVE SAVED THEM, BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS DOWN BELOW?
NO ONE CAN SAVE THEM NOW!

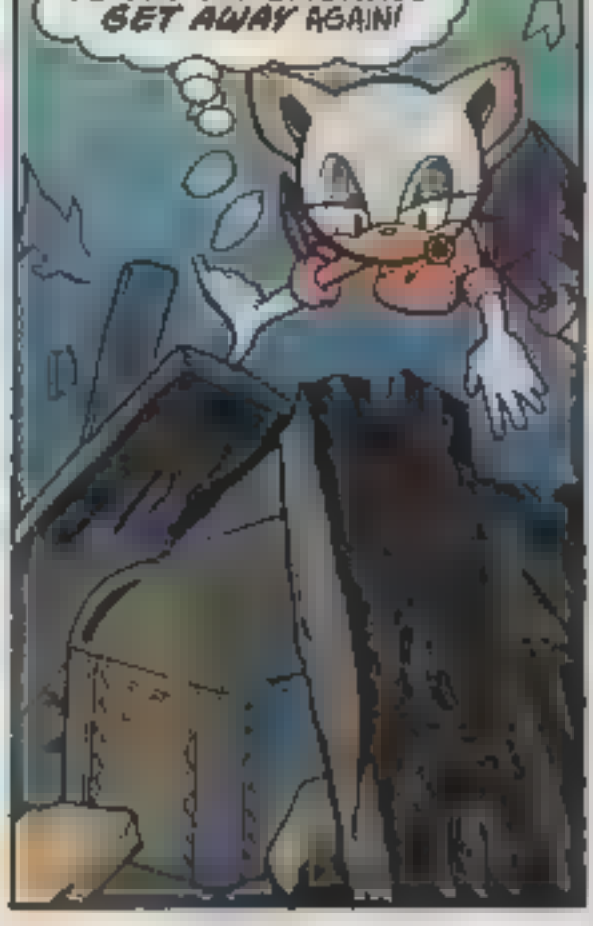

SONIC, WE'RE ALL RIGHT, BUT YOU'RE IN DANGER!
GET ME SOME DIVING GEAR! I'M GOING DOWN!

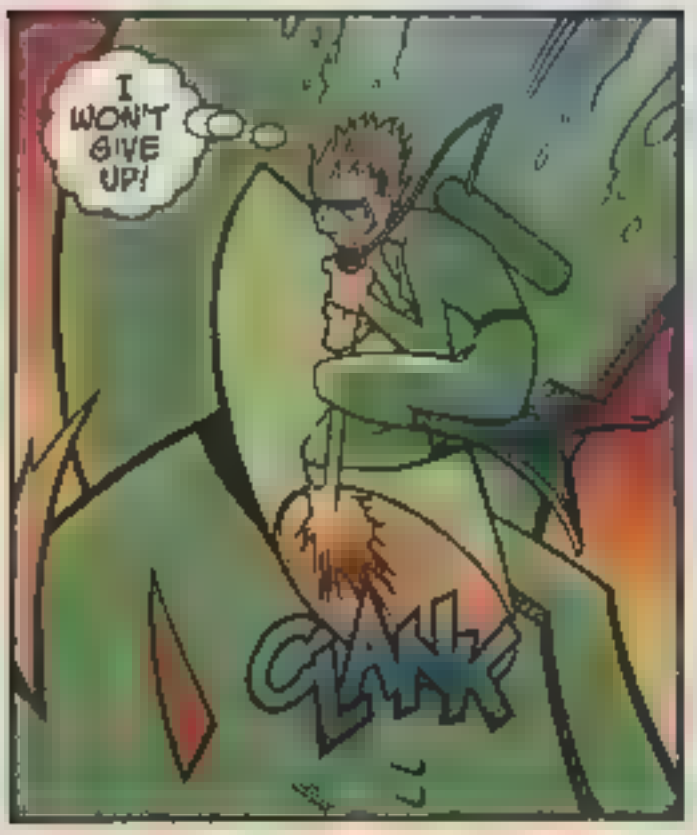
EGGMAN'S HERE WITH A PAIR OF ROBOTS!

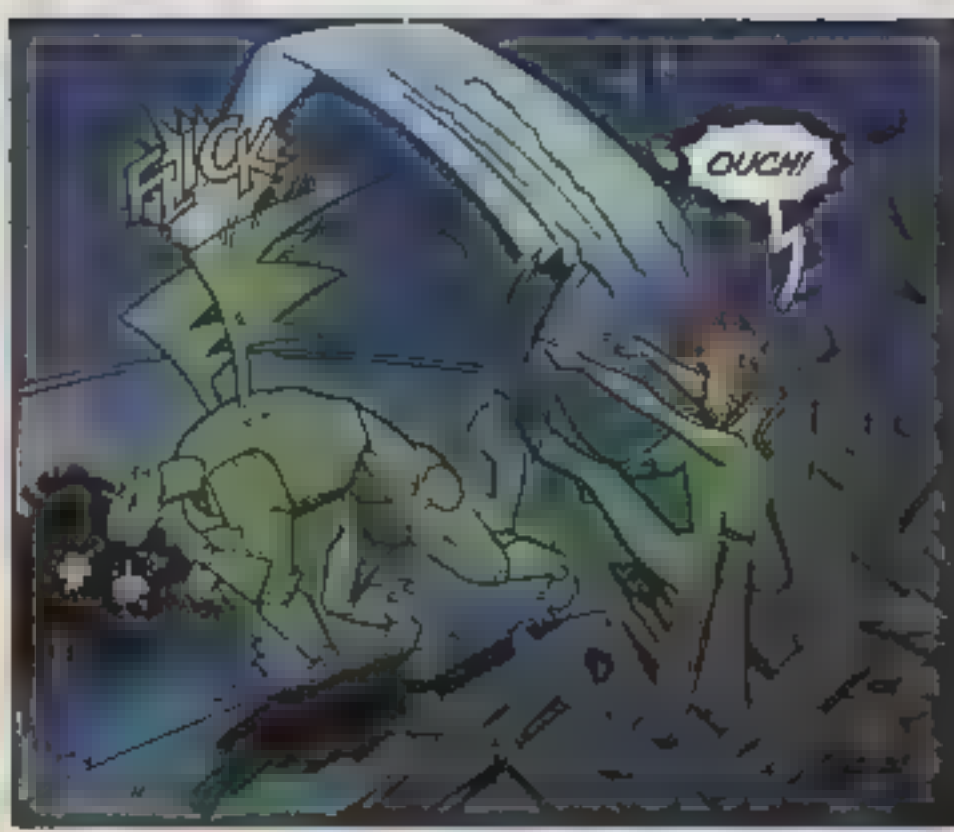
SO WE SEE!

CRASH

CRASH




I WON'T GIVE UP!
CLANK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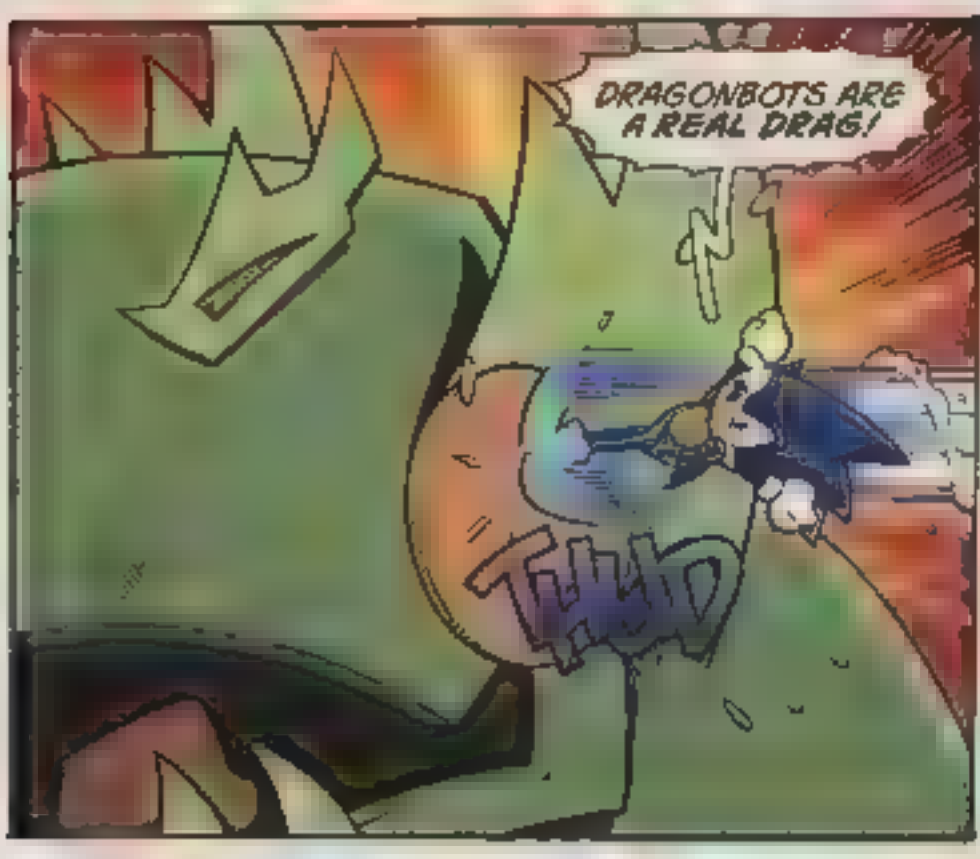
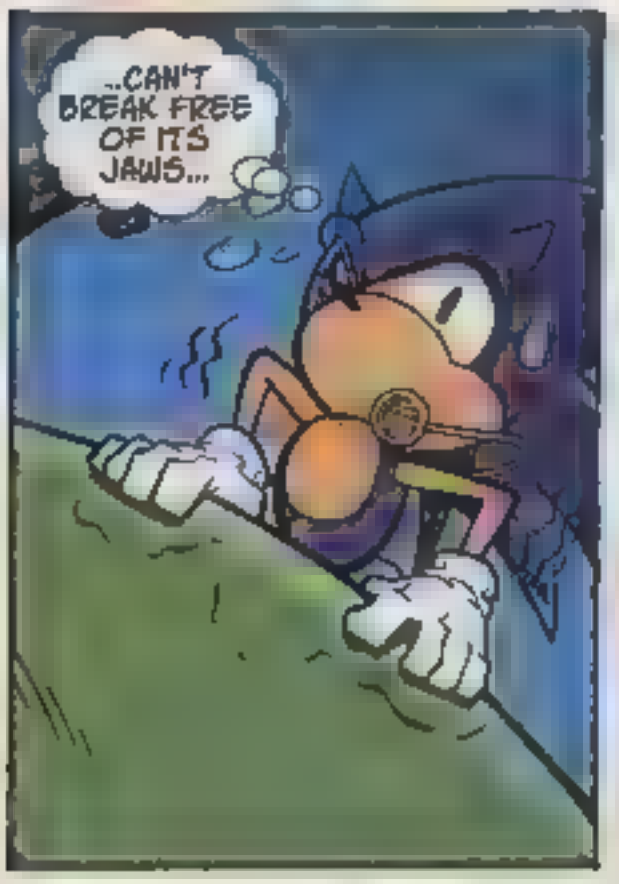
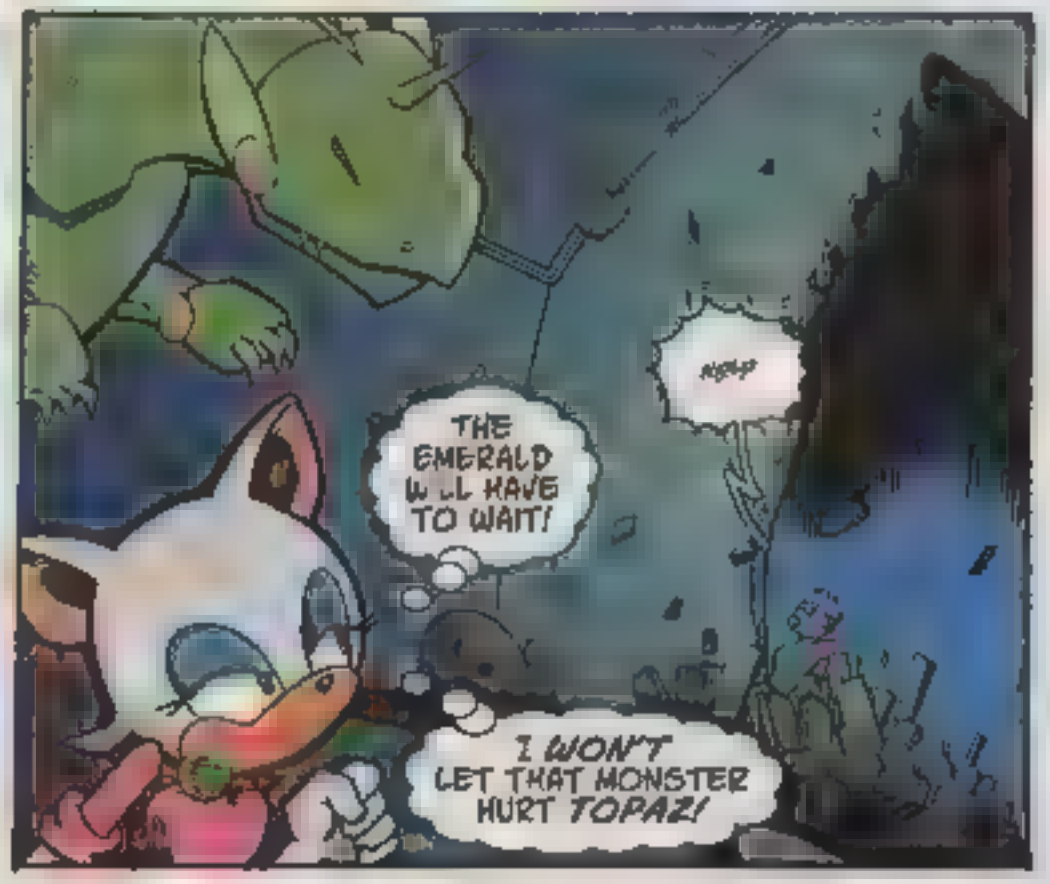
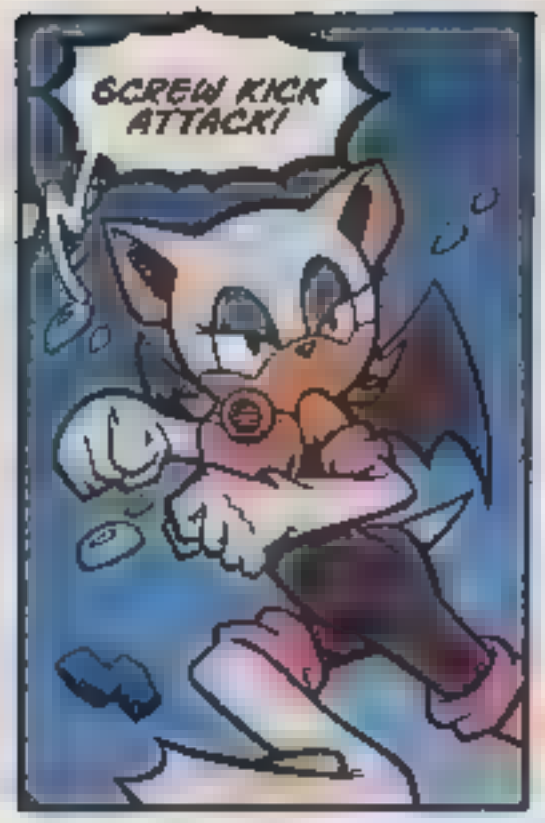
OUCH!


DRAGONBOTS ARE A REAL DRAG!
THUD

CHOMP
DON'T YOU KNOW I'LL RUIN YOUR DINNER?


...CAN'T BREAK FREE OF ITS JAWS...


NOW
THE EMERALD WILL HAVE TO WAIT!
I WON'T LET THAT MONSTER HURT TOPAZ!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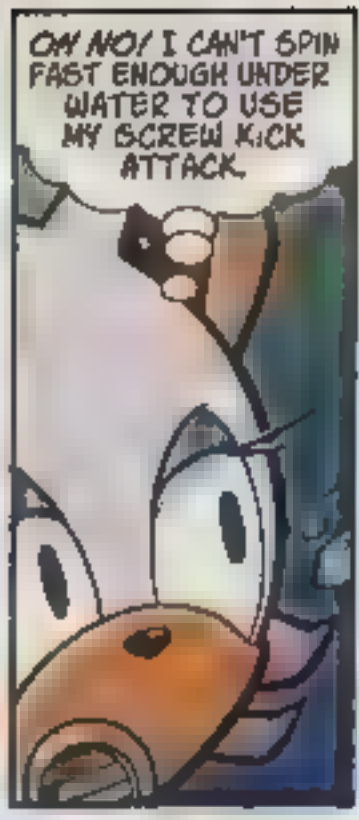
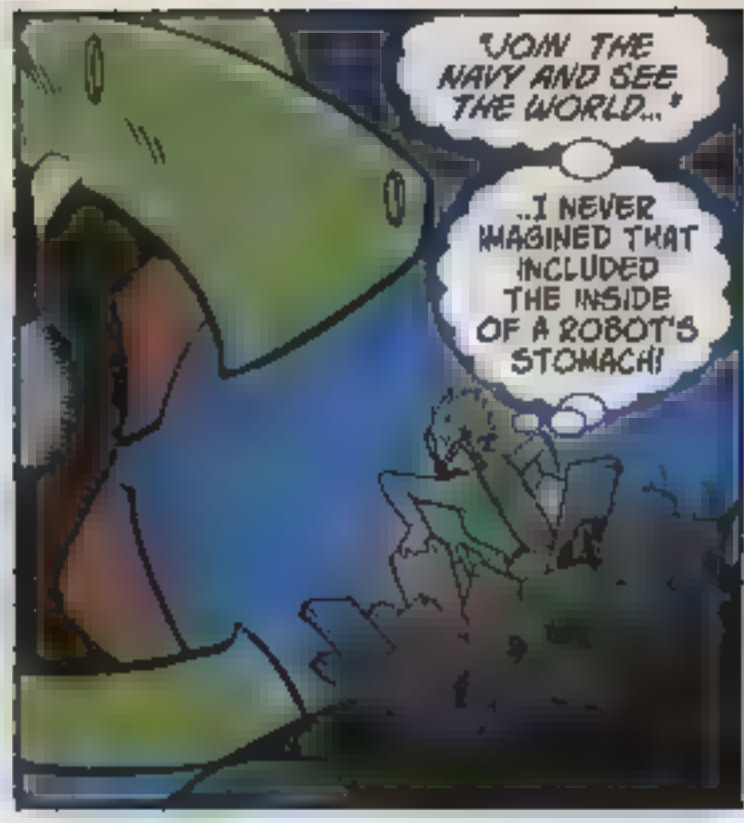
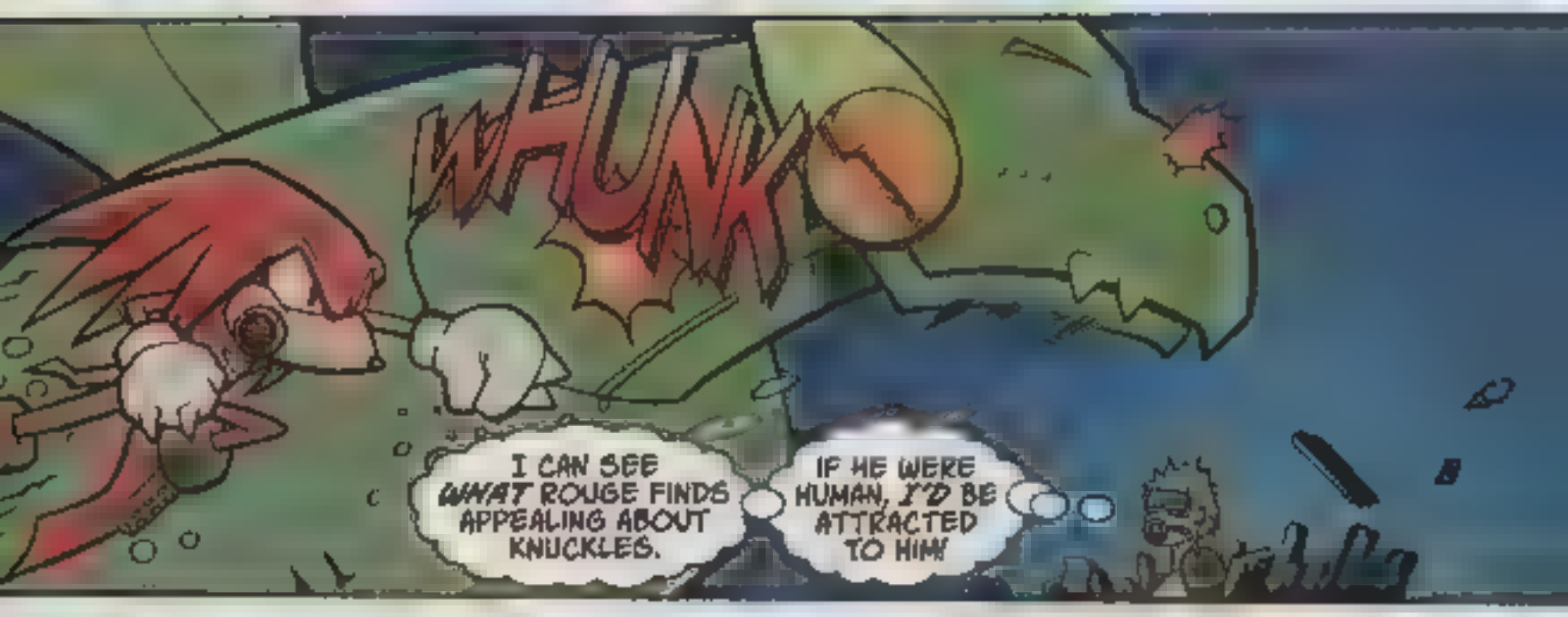
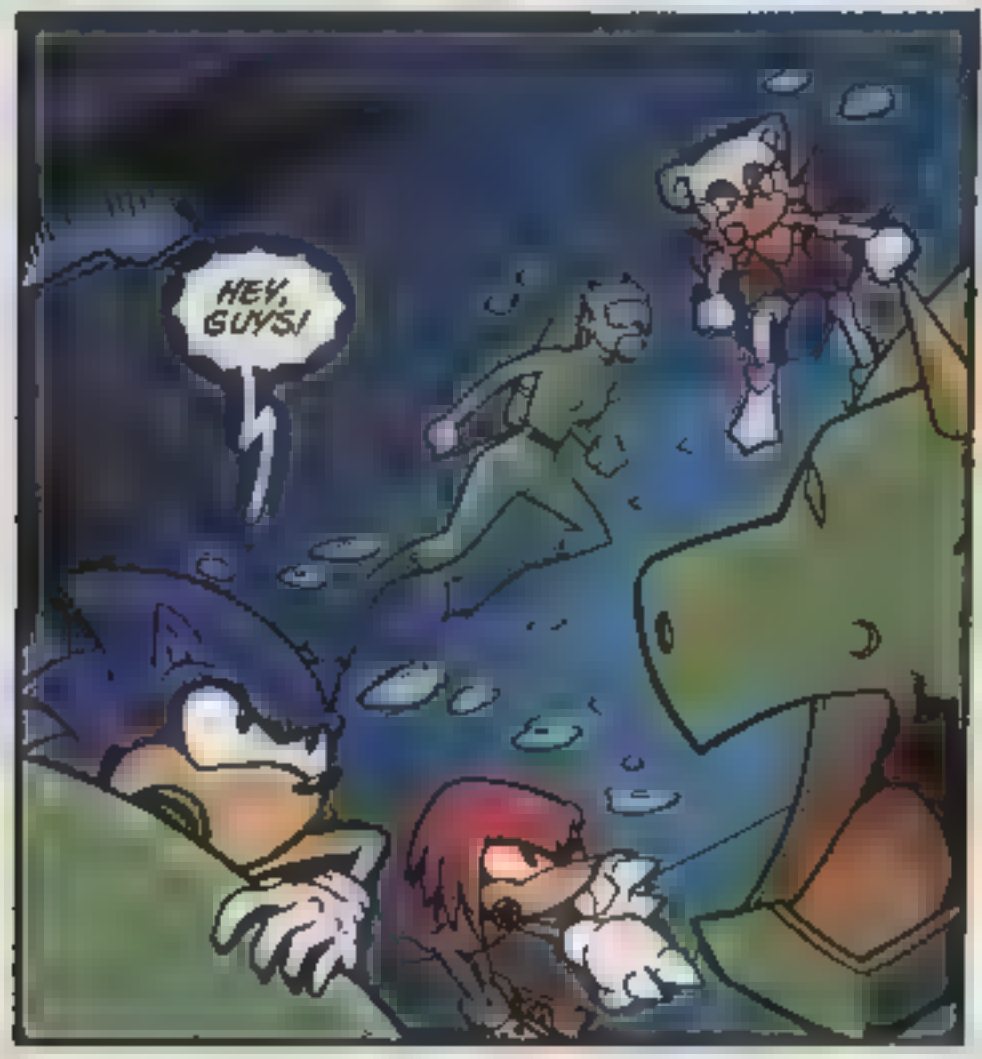

OH NO! I CAN'T SPIN FAST ENOUGH UNDER WATER TO USE MY SCREW KICK ATTACK.


'JOIN THE NAVY AND SEE THE WORLD...'
..I NEVER IMAGINED THAT INCLUDED THE INSIDE OF A ROBOT'S STOMACH!


WHUNK
I CAN SEE WHAT ROUGE FINDS APPEALING ABOUT KNUCKLES.
IF HE WERE HUMAN, I'D BE ATTRACTED TO HIM!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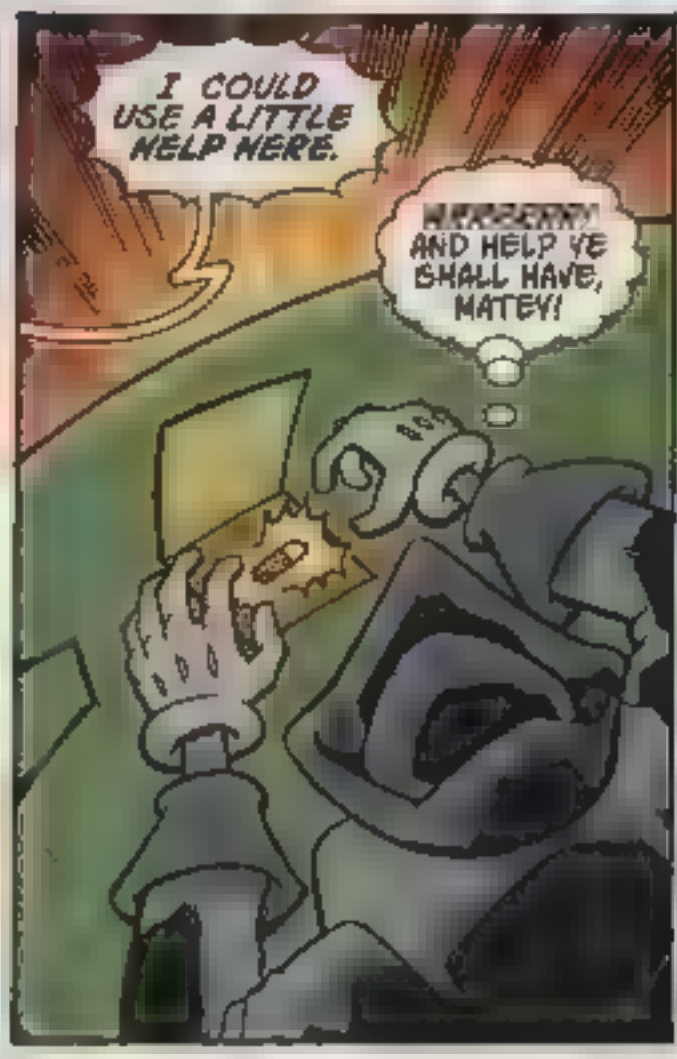
I COULD USE A LITTLE HELP HERE.
AND HELP YE SHALL HAVE, MATEY!

KNUCKLES, ROUGE, AND TOPAZ MAY BE DISTRACTED BY PROBLEMS OF THEIR OWN, BUT SONIC'S RESCUE IS AT HAND!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT MANNER OF BEASTIES THESE BE, BUT LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I TAKE THIS THINGWHATSIT OUT!

?

THE ROBOT'S STOPPED MOVING, BUT WHAT'S THAT THING FLOATING OVER THERE?

LOOKS LIKE SONIC GOT FREE!

EXCELLENT! MAYBE IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN TAKE THIS THING DOWN!

BAM

THUNK

WHACK

WHAT'S *THIS?* I SAW IT FLOATING AWAY FROM THE BOT...

IT LOOKS LIKE A *BATTERY*— WITH *EGGMAN'S* FACE ON IT!

YIKES! IT POPPED OPEN!

I DON'T KNOW WHERE EGGMAN GOT SOME OF *MY RINGS*...

...BUT THEY'RE *JUST WHAT I NEED* RIGHT NOW!

IT'S BOT BOPPIN' TIME!

EVEN WATER CAN'T SLOW SONIC DOWN WHEN HE'S IN SUPER SPIN MODE.

BUT CAN THE COMBINED POWER OF OUR HEROES STOP THE ROBOT?

THUD!

CLANK

BONK

K-THUNK

YAY, SONIC!

BLASTED BLUE-FURRED BRAT!

HARRUMPH! LET'S BLOW THIS POP STAND!

EGGMAN'S GETTING AWAY!

AT LEAST WE GOT THE TREASURE CHEST!

I JUST WANT TO GET OUT OF THE WATER!

LATER...

SO THERE WAS NO EMERALD. IT WAS JUST A TRICK TO LURE US HERE.

WHAT A RIP-OFF! YOU JUST CAN'T TRUST MEN!

HOW DID YOU BEAT THE ROBOT UNDER WATER, SONIC?

I CAN'T HELP FEELING I HAD HELP, TAILS.

MAYBE IT WAS THE GHOST OF CAPTAIN RED-EYE.

AYE! THAT BE THE MOST FUN I'VE HAD SINCE I CROSSED THE GRAND LINE!

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF ME, SONIC!

THE KOMODO DRAGONS FAILED, BUT THE NEXT ANIMALS TO PILOT MY BOTS WILL BE THE MOST VICIOUS PLANET EARTH HAS TO OFFER...

...AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP THEM WITHOUT HURTING YOUR PRECIOUS FRIENDS!

HAHAHA HAHA

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